

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraph on Page 1, above line 1:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of Japanese Application No. 2004-183064 filed June 21, 2004. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/JP2005/011123 filed June 17, 2005. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

Page 6, lines 15 to 22, please amend this paragraph as follows:

--[0024] Referring to Fig. 1, the connector according to Prior Art 1 is a connector called the right angle connection type (see Patent Documents 1 and 2). The connector 11 according to Prior Art 1 has projecting portions 31 of a shell 17 on the bottom side, which pass through a board 15 and are fixed by soldering on the back side. On the front side is provided a ~~flange 31~~ flange 19 that is integrally provided with the shell 17 forming the contour. The connector 11 is configured such that

the front side can be observed through an opening 23 of a panel 21 serving as an attaching member.--

Page 6, line 23 to page 7, line 11, please amend this paragraph as follows:

--[0025] On the other hand, referring to Fig. 6 2, the I/O connector 11 according to Prior Art 2 is called the perpendicular connection type. The connector 11 according to Prior Art 2 has projecting portions 31 projecting from the lower end of a connector body 27 and the lower end of a shell 17, which are inserted into through holes formed in a board and are fixed by soldering or the like. Further at the upper surface of the connector body 27, there is provided a fitting portion 33 adapted to be fitted to a non-illustrated mating plug connector. On both sides of the fitting portion 33, there are provided flanges 19 for fixation by matching an opening portion 35 of a panel 21. A boss portion 37 is provided so as to project on a surface of each flange 19 opposite to its fixing side. A screw 41 is screwed through the boss portion 37 from the fixing side so as to be provided on the inner surface of the boss portion 37. On the front and rear surfaces of the shell 17, fixing springs 25 are formed by slitting such that one end of each spring projects

inward describing a "<-shape", i.e. an obtuse angular shape, so as to be pressed against the mating connector when the connector 11 is fitted.--

Page 7, lines 16-21, please amend this paragraph as follows:

-- [0027] As indicated by an outline arrow 41 43 in each of Figs. 1 and 2, screwing by the use of an electric drive in device assembly is carried out by strongly pushing a driver 62. However, there has been a problem that, in terms of the strength of the connecting portion, the flange 19 is subjected to a force indicated by an arrow 45 so as to be bent or deformed before being screwed by the screw 41, so that the screwing cannot be achieved.--

Page 8, lines 19 to 25, please amend this paragraph as follows:

-- [0033] As shown in Fig. 3(a), elongated metal contacts 13 are provided inside the opening. In Fig. 3(a), it is seen that there are provided only plate-shaped connecting portions 19 59 arranged in two rows of upper and lower surfaces. The connecting portions 19 59 are fitted to a non-illustrated mating plug connector.--

Page 10, lines 15 to 21, please amend this paragraph as follows:

-- [0042] If the strength of the reinforcing member 53 and the connector body 27 is large, a pushing force of a driver 61 can be borne by the reinforcing member 53 and the connector body 27. Therefore, the reinforcing member 53 is configured so as not to be located close to the board 15. Further, since the reinforcing member ~~10~~ 53 is a component separate from the connector body ~~20~~ 27, the reinforcing member ~~10~~ 53 can be attached or detached according to necessity without changing the structure of the connector.--